

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

STEPHEN H. DARDEN, of Austin, Texas, is a native of Mississippi. He first came to Texas when a boy, and volunteered in the army of the Republic in 1836; subsequently returned to Mississippi, and in 1846 moved to Texas and settled in Gonzales county; was educated at Cumberland College, Kentucky; was raised a farmer, and followed that occupation up to the war; had acquired a competency before the war, which, however, was swept away; was a volunteer, in the old Hood's Brigade in Virginia during 1861, and 1862; and served in Texas in 1863; was a member of the House of Representatives in the Fifth and Sixth Legislatures, of the State Senate in 1861, and a member of the Confederate Congress in 1864; was elected State Comptroller on the Democratic ticket in 1873; renominated and elected in 1876; and again nominated and elected for a third term in November, 1878. His term will expire January 1881.